

Appln. No.: 10/087,492
Amdt. Dated May 25, 2005
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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[001] Reference is made to commonly assigned copending patent application ~~Docket No. F-290~~ Serial No. 10/087,518 filed herewith entitled "Method For Embedding Information In An Image" in the names of Claude Zeller, Robert A. Cordery, Donald G. Mackay and William A. Brosseau; and ~~Docket No. F-417~~ copending patent application Serial No. 10/087,314 filed herewith entitled "Method For Utilizing A Fragile Watermark For Enhanced Security" in the names of Claude Zeller, Donald G. Mackay, William Kilmartin, William A. Brosseau, James Euchner and Robert A. Cordery (~~Docket No. F-417~~ Serial No. 10/087,314) claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/283,565 filed April 13, 2001, which is owned by the assignee of the present Application).

Please replace paragraph [046] with the following amended paragraph:

[046] Fig. 14 is a drawing of image 41 expanded to image 57. Black pixels are shown at 62, and white pixels are shown at 63. A cluster of 3 x 3 dots 62 is formed from one black pixel in image 57. No cluster is printed at location 63 to represent a white pixel in image 57. It would be obvious to one skilled in the art that many differently sized and shaped clusters may be used and the sharp corners of the clusters removed.